

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☐ WAIVER REQUEST  
☐ ANSWER  
☒ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST  
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 9/18/2020

DOCKET #: 2019-1026

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division



## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Damon Quentin Hardesty  
Address: 1608 N. Hilma St., Westlake, LA 70669-4004  
Office/Position: Calcasieu Parish School Board / District 9 / Calcasieu  
Dates of Service: 2015-2019  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 13

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2016 - Amendment  
Report ID: PFD17001947  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2017  
Initial PFD Filed on: 4/12/2017  
NOD-amend Received: 10/27/2018 - Signed by: Damon Hardesty  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/6/2018  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 2/15/2019

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 101  
Total days late from initial due date: 641  
Late Fee Order Received: 2/11/2019  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/4/2019  
Waiver Request Received: 7/9/2020  
Board Result: 11/15/2019  
Reconsideration Request Due Date: 7/29/2020  
Reconsideration Request Received: 7/24/2020

COMMENTS: Amanda Hardesty, is writing on behalf of her husband Damon Hardesty for failing to amend his 2016 PFD timely. Mrs. Hardesty stated she and her husband are most grateful for the suspension of his 2017 assessment, but humbly asks the Ethics Board to consider waiving or reducing the 2016 assessment. Mrs. Hardesty stated she found a Rescind Notice dated 9/21/2017, citing the Failure to File Notice of Delinquency issued on 9/18/2017 had been rescinded. \*The Rescind letter Mrs. Hardesty is referring to is for the 2017 School Board Disclosure Notice. It is not a notice rescinding a PFD NOD or PFD NOD to Amend.\* On 10/27/2018, they received a letter requesting an amendment. She called and was told by someone that his statement looked fine. They then received another letter, so she called and spoke with the previous PFD Director, Karen Winfrey. Mrs. Winfrey instructed her to correct the disclosure and send it to her; She also asked if there was anything else they needed to do and also asked about their fees. She specifically asked if they owed a fine. Hardesty stated Winfrey "said no, that the corrected forms took care of it". When they received a Demand Letter she called to speak with Winfrey, but learned she was no longer with the agency. She spoke with Deputy Administrator, Kristy Gary who apologized about the misinformation and explained the filing, late fee, and waiver process. Mrs. Hardesty stated she understands that there are rules and procedures they have to follow, but she called the BOE to ensure she understood how to correct the issues with the statements. She sincerely asks the Ethics Board again to consider waiving or reducing their fees.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes. 2017- \$2500 - Suspend

### All BOFC

- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

Louisiana Board Of Ethics  
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RE: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2016- Amendment  
Calcasieu Parish School Board- District 9

Dear Board,

I, Amanda Hardesty, am writing this letter on behalf of my husband Damon Hardesty. He serves as Calcasieu Parish School Board Member District 9. I am humbly asking that you consider waiving or reducing the late fees for the 2016 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. As we are most grateful for you waiving the 2017 fees, I am attaching a document that I received on September 21, 2017 that I have found. A letter stating that the Failure to File Notice of Delinquency that was issued on September 18, 2017 had been RESCINDED. The fine that you recently waived for 2017, had already been canceled to our understanding of the letter that has been found.

On October 27, 2018 we received a letter stating that an amendment needed to be filed for his personal financial disclosure statement. When I called to see what needed to be corrected, I was told that his statement looked to be in compliance. I then received another letter in February. I called and left a message on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup> 2019. I finally spoke with Mrs. Karen Winfrey.

When I spoke to Ms. Winfrey she explained to me that **one box had not been checked that was not applicable** on the 2016 statement. She then instructed me to correct the form and send it to her. I did this. I made sure that she had received them. I told her about the letters and the fines that were stated and she told me that correcting these forms would take care of that. I double checked with her and asked if I needed to do anything else. I specifically asked if I owed the fine and she said no, that the corrected forms took care of it.

On June 24 2019 I received a letter stating that an outstanding balance of late fees were owed in the amount of \$2500.00 for 2016 failing to timely amend Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. I called to speak with Karen and found out that she no longer worked there. I then spoke to Kristy Gary on June 27 2019 and she told me she would look into everything. On July 1, 2019 I called Kristy to check the status of things. She apologized and explained to me that I had been misinformed. She properly explained the process to me. That even though I had sent the amendment for the statements, I was still required to request a waiver within the requested period. Kristy explained that I could still try to submit a waiver request for both 2016 and 2017 penalties.

Please take into consideration the documents showing that the failure to file had been rescinded. That the fees we are asking to be waived are for the 2016 amended form. I understand that there are rules and procedures. I called specifically to make sure I understood correctly and to fix the issues with the disclosure statements. I do sincerely ask again that you consider waiving or reducing these fees.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

With Much Appreciation,

**Amanda Hardesty-337-313-8503**

**1608 N. Hilma St.**

**Westlake, La 70669**

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**RE: NOTICE TO RESCIND**  
**Failure to File Notice of Delinquency**

**Dear Damon Quentin Hardesty:**

You are hereby notified that the Failure to File Notice of Delinquency issued on September 18, 2017, 2017 School Board Disclosure has been RESCINDED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Ford".

**Lisa Ford**  
**Administrative Coordinator**

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September 21, 2017

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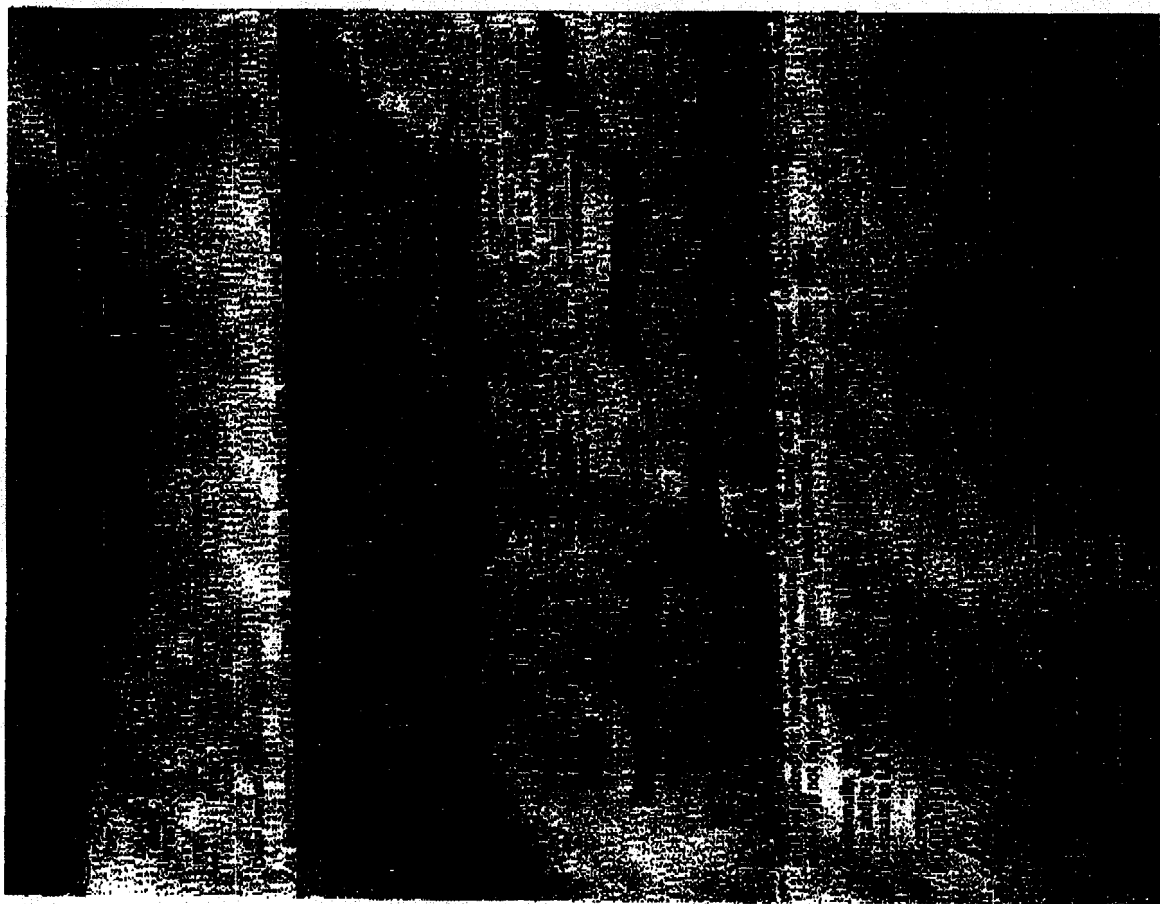
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Lisa Ford  
Administrative Coordinator

**Linda Hardesty**

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**From:** Linda <lindah0607@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Linda Hardesty  
**Subject:** 61730820338\_6FD46A33-8F93-4790-A32F-CDCF38A87C99.jpeg



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